

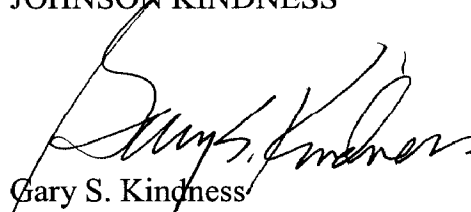
REMARKS

The "AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS" section submitted herewith is now in compliance in that deleted text has been indicated and all added text has been properly identified with underlining. Applicants thank Examiner Alvesteffer for bringing this omission to our attention.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as now presented, are allowable and allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary S. Kindness", is written over the printed name and firm name.

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